

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

For manufacturing a straight strip lamination, a die is provided having at least a main slot punch and a part feature punch. The strip is fed into the die station with a constant slot step distance progression with the slot punch activated to create a plurality of slots. When a part feature is to be punched, the slot punch is deactivated, the part feature punch is activated, and the strip is fed with a new step distance, which is different then the slot distance.

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